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Subpart A—General Rules

§29.1 Use of natural resources.

Public or private economic use of the nature resources of any wildlife refuge area may be authorized in accordance with section 401 of the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 383, 16 U.S.C., sec. 715s), where the use may contribute to or is related to the administration of the area. Economic use shall be authorized by appropriate permit only when the authorized activity on a wildlife refuge area will not be incompatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established. Persons exercising economic privileges on refuge areas will be subject to the applicable provisions of this

subchapter and of other applicable laws and regulations governing wildlife refuge areas. Permits for economic use will contain such terms and conditions as are determined to be necessary for the proper administration of the resources. Economic use in this section includes but is not limited to grazing livestock; harvesting hay and stock feed; removing timber, firewood or other natural products of the soil; removing shell, sand, or gravel; cultivating areas; or engaging in operations that facilitate approved programs on wildlife refuge areas.

§29.2 Cooperative land management.

Cooperative agreements with persons for crop cultivation, haying, grazing, or the harvest of vegetative products, including plantlife, growing with or without cultivation on wildlife refuge areas may be executed on a share-in-kind basis when such agreements are in aid of or benefit to the wildlife management of the area.

§29.3 Nonprogram uses.

Uses of wildlife refuge areas that make no contribution to the primary objective of the program for an individual area or are in no way related to the objectives of the National Wildlife Refuge System are classed as nonprogram uses. Permission for such uses will be granted only when compatible with the major purposes for which such areas are established.

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§29.4 [Reserved]

§29.5 Fees.

Fees and charges for the grant of privileges on wildlife refuge areas and for the sale of products taken therefrom, where not otherwise prescribed by law or regulation, shall be set at a rate commensurate with fees and charges for similar privileges and products made by private land owners in the vicinity or in accordance with their local value. Fees or rates of charge for products and privileges may be based either on a monetary exchange or on a share in kind of the resource or product.